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MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, May 20, 2013

Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Dargie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in room 182 in the Milford High School. Board members present included Mr. Kevin Drew, Mr. Len Mannino, and Mr. Peter Bragdon. Mr. Robert Willette was absent. Also present were District administrators Superintendent Robert Suprenant, Assistant Superintendent Laurel Johnson, and Accountant Lise Tucker.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Drew asked the Board if they had anything they wanted him to bring to the Granite Town Media meeting on Thursday. The Board responded they had nothing to bring to that group.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Reports and Presentations:

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suprenant informed the Board that a problem with a transformer on Osgood Road this morning resulted in a loss of power at the Middle School, and PSNH's prediction that it would be at least until mid-morning before power was restored, caused the closing of the Middle School today. Global Connect was activated to notify parents and staff and Channel 9 was able to get the closure message scrolled on television.

Superintendent Suprenant publicly thanked Mr. Richard Joyce, Facilities Manager at Raytheon in Waltham and brother of Culinary Teacher Paul Joyce for his arranging the donation of eight new restaurant tables to Windows on West Street. The donation resulted from an overstock at Raytheon. These models can be converted from a square, 4 person table to a round, 6 person table. They are valued at \$2,200.00 each. They do need pedestal stands and the culinary department is working on a solution.

The annual Kaley Speaking contest takes place on Tuesday, May 21st, at 9:00 AM, in room # 182 in the High School. Thirteen students are taking part in the contest which always includes passionate presentations about contemporary topics of interest.

Three High School staff members, Jean-Guy Letarte, Mary Anne Gallagher, and Mary Arrowsmith, have been named as New Hampshire Fuel Up to Play Sixty Advisors of the Year. As a reward for that honor, former NFL player, Jermaine Wiggins will present at the High School on Thursday, May 23rd, at 11:15.

b. Town of Milford Athletic Fields:

Justin Wisby and Dan Ayotte from MCAA presented a power point presentation on the use of fields in Milford. They have been presenting to various groups in Milford trying to raise \$25,000.00 to develop an estimate of field construction on the Brox site. Justin noted in his analysis that MCAA and the schools are the primary users of the town's fields.

New Business:

a. Authorization of Bonds and Approval of Loan Agreement Between N.H. Municipal Bond Bank and the Milford School District:

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the signing of the loan agreement. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Mr. Bragdon moved to authorize the sale of the bond. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

b. Funding Request – History Club:

Advisor and High School Social Studies teacher Mr. Steven Vetack provided an overview of the National History Day contest held at Plymouth State College. This year's Milford High School Club was the largest ever with 14 students. Student Elizabeth Curless spoke about her project, The Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster in the Ukraine.

Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the request for donation. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

c. Annual Adoption of Investment Policy:

Chairman Dargie gave an overview of the policy. Mr. Bragdon moved to adopt the investment policy. Mr. drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

d. Policy Proposal, Policy 2135 - Standing Policy Review Sub-Committee (1st Reading):

Chairman Dargie provided a rationale for the proposal. Mr. Bragdon moved to approve the first reading. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Chairman Dargie discussed the Policy Committee's deliberations on the potential for a majority of Board members abstaining from issues due to conflict of interest and asked for them to think about ways to address this in policy.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Housekeeping Items:

a. Nominations:

Mr. Bragdon moved and Mr. Drew seconded to approve the following nominations. All in favor 4-0.

Mark Yeaton – MHS Comprehensive Business Ed.

Melanie Olczak – MHS Part Time Math

Kathryn Lemay – MHS Social Studies

Patricia Hageman – MHS Part Time English

Kristopher Lozeau – MMS Social Studies

b. Approval of Minutes 5/6/13:

Postponed until the next meeting.

c. Approval of Manifests:

Mr. Dargie moved to approve the listed manifests. Mr. Bragdon seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3II (c):

Mr. Bragdon moved to enter non-public session at 8:02 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

The Board discussed collective bargaining strategies.

Mr. Bragdon moved to exit non-public at 8:55 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bragdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of signing